

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States, and this tragic disease is detected in nearly 15,000 of our nation's young people each and every year; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and sister organization, Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychological services to children undergoing cancer treatment at the Hasbro Children's Hospital: Department of Pediatrics; Division of Hematology/Oncology, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, through its uniquely sensitive and comforting Magical Caps for Kids program, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection distributes thousands of decorated caps to children who want to protect their heads following the trauma of chemotherapy, surgery and/or radiation treatments; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor nationwide Courageous Kid recognition award ceremonies and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim September 2012 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Rhode Island, and call on all citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of this month.

A. Ralph Mollis Secretary of State Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 30% day of August, 2011

Lincoln D. Chafee Governor